

# STEPS YOU WILL TAKE



## **Read Northbrook's Perspective on Sex Before Marriage**

Prior to completing your wedding application, please read Northbrook's Perspective on Sex Before Marriage. (You will find the document link on the Weddings page.)

## **Complete a Wedding Application**

We ask that you submit the wedding application at least 6-9 months before your desired wedding date so that you can complete the necessary steps in the wedding process. (See the Weddings page to download a wedding application form.) After receiving your application, and upon approval after review, your security deposit of \$100 will be due and will reserve your wedding date. 60 days prior to your wedding date, the remaining balance will be due.

## **Complete your PREPARE Assessment**

The Prepare Assessment is a detailed relationship evaluation designed for engaged couples. The profile will help you identify the unique strengths and potential growth areas of your relationship. The fee is \$35, which covers the cost of the assessment and which you will pay online when you take the assessment. Results of your Prepare Assessment will be used during your pre-marital sessions with the pastor.

## **Enter the Mentor Process (Optional)**

You will be assigned a Marriage Mentor couple who will contact you. In addition to pastoral pre-marital sessions, Northbrook uses a team of dedicated mentors. These mentors are Northbrook couples who have been married for varying lengths of time, and whose desire is to assist engaged couples in starting their lives together successfully. Each engaged couple will meet with a mentor couple for 6 to 8 sessions to discuss various aspects of married life.

## **Wedding Assistant – if you are getting married at Northbrook**

Approximately two months prior to your wedding, a Wedding Assistant will contact you to discuss the details of your wedding. The wedding assistant will be present at both your rehearsal and your wedding ceremony. They will provide access to the building, as well as helpful information and service. Your wedding assistant will work closely with the pastoral staff member involved in your wedding.

## **If you are getting married either On-Site or Off-Site**

You will be assigned a pastor upon approval of your application. If you have a specific pastor you would like to request for your ceremony, we will try to accommodate your request. Please do not contact the pastor directly and ask him to perform your ceremony. Because of the limitations on our staff, if you are holding your ceremony off-site we are only able to perform weddings within 15 miles of the church.